

Remarks

Claims 2-18 remain in the application. Claims 2, 7, 10, 13, 17 and 18 have been amended.

The Claims stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Maloney (USP 6,501,379). Applicant traverses this rejection on the grounds that Maloney does not render obvious each and every element of the amended claims.

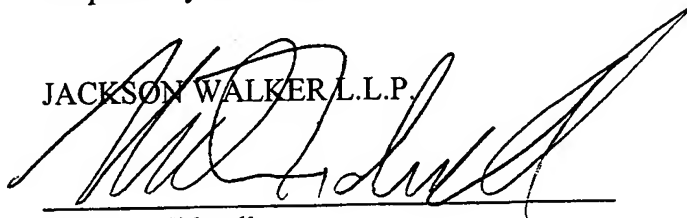
The claims have been amended to clarify that the LED is located below the panel in which the key tags are mounted. This configuration forms part of the novelty of the invention of the prior art, including Maloney, because, as is stated on page 13 of the application, key tags can be more densely spaced in a storage cabinet. If an LED were placed on the panel itself, key tags could not be as densely spaced on the panel because the LEDs themselves would take up a portion of the panel space. Further, if the LED is located on the key tag, electrical contacts are necessary in order to light the LED. The invention solves these drawbacks of prior art storage systems.

In light of the amendments and the foregoing remarks, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the refusal under Maloney and pass the claims to allowance. If the Examiner continues to believe Maloney renders the claims obvious, a telephone interview is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is authorized to charge any fees arising from this response to Deposit Account
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Respectfully submitted,

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